

# GE Fuel Cells Overview

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### GE-Fuel Cells | Overview

#### About us

GE-Fuel Cells designs, develops and manufactures solid oxide fuel cell systems that provide businesses and communities around the world the ability to efficiently generate clean, reliable power at or near the point of use.

A start-up within GE: all of the speed, agility and focus of a small start-up with access to all the strength of a big company

- Internal incubation with independent leadership
- Fastworks approach drives speed to market & customer value
- Ramping up off site facility with pilot manufacturing capability

Innovating to address the fuel cell cost challenge

Additive manufacturing . . .

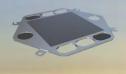


... Combined cycle design

Efficient

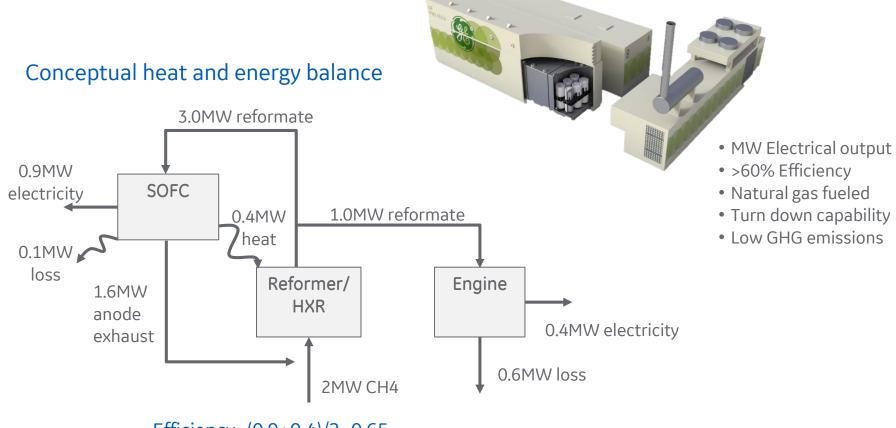
Modular

Clean



Low cost materials Simplified sealing Scalable

## SOFC/Engine Combined Cycle



Efficiency=(0.9+0.4)/2=0.65

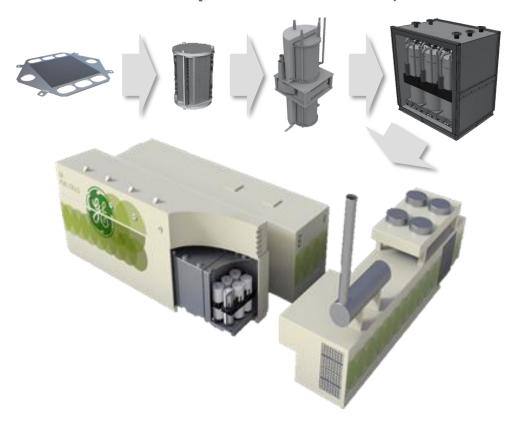
Clean reliable on-site energy



### GE-Fuel Cells | Overview

**Initial plan:** Launch as fast as possible as an independent business

**Launch concept:** 1.3MW HSOFC system



**Progress:** Designed, built & tested 50kW & HSOFC pilot systems

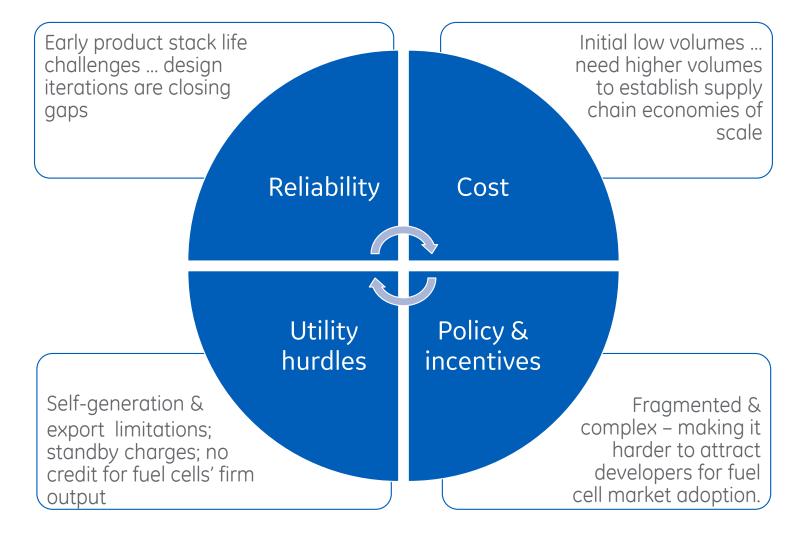


- Validated MVP cost & performance
- Identified launch customers/projects

Lessons learned: Separate fuel processing unit drives cost & reliability challenges



## Challenges to meeting fuel cell potential





## GE-Fuel Cells | Proprietary advantage

### Application of known additive manufacturing process

### Taking GE's thermal spray process



... to manufacture fuel cells ...



### ... & improve CAPEX & OPEX

- Low cost material
- Low capex factory
- Simplified sealing
- Larger cell area
- Robust process

Leveraging the GE experience to develop cost effective SOFC systems



## GE-Fuel Cells | Initial commercial product

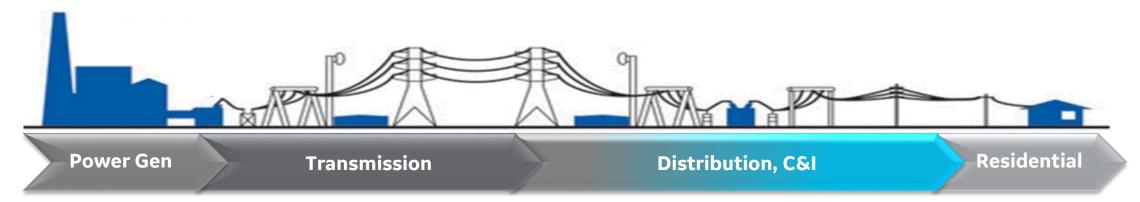


- Electrical output: 1.0MW
- 60% Efficiency
- Natural gas fueled
- Minimal site installation
- Low GHG emissions

Clean reliable base-load distributed power at grid parity



## Why do customers buy fuel cells?



#### Wholesale market

#### **Retail market**

#### **Utilities**

- •T&D investment deferral
- Congestion relief
- •RPS targets / credits
- Emmissions
- •Renewable integration

#### IPP's

- Return on investment
- Renewable standards/credits
- Access aux markets
- •Renewable integration

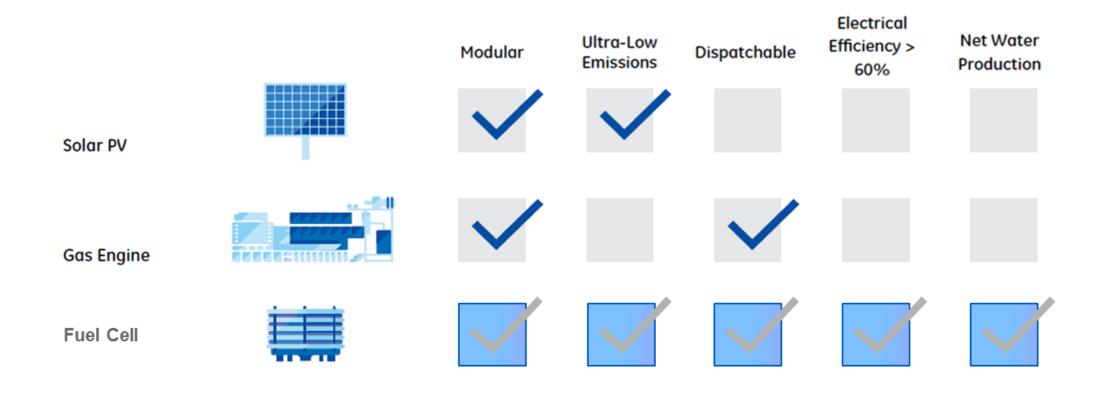
#### **C&I** users

- Delivered energy cost
- Energy security
- •Peak/demand charge mgmt.
- Clean energy targets & policy
- •US Executive Orders

Drivers vary by customer, application and region



## Fuel cells vs. traditional distributed energy resources





## Fuel cells complement renewables in DG space

### Power dense applications

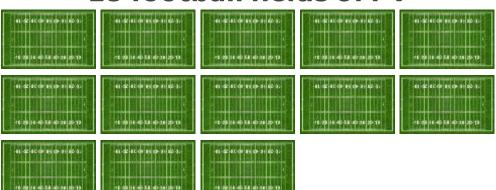
Footprint to deliver 10,000MWhrs/yr.



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VS.

### 13 football fields of PV



Renewable Smoothing & Ancillary Services

Dispatchable provide power when needed





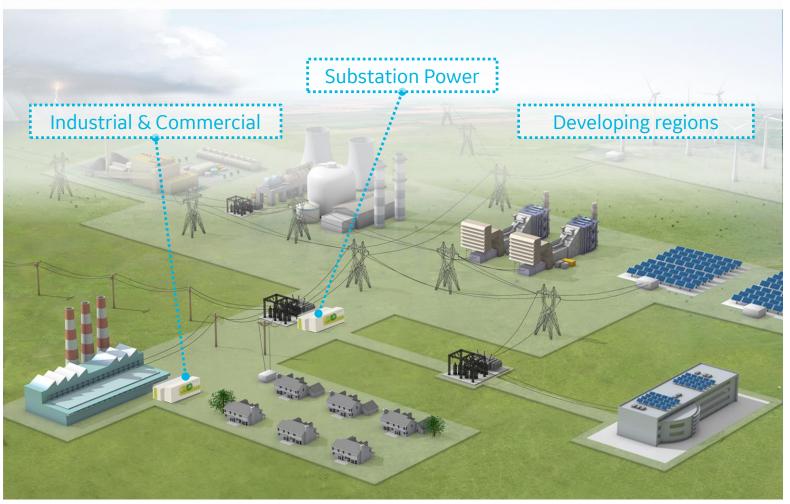
# GE-Fuel Cells SOFC vs. the grid



	Delivered Efficiency	CO <sub>2</sub> (lb./MWhr.)	NOx (lb./MWhr.)	SOx (lb./MWhr.)	Water Consumption (gal/MWhr.)
US Grid	~35%	~1,200	~1.2	~2.5	~2,000
Korean Grid	~43%	~1,100	~1.5	~0.7	~1,710
Gas Engine	~38%	~1,180	~1.7	<1	-
MCFC	~47%	~980	~0.01	Negligible	~190
GE-FC SOFC	60%	~662	< 0.01	Negligible	~60 produced



## GE-Fuel Cells | MW scale SOFC applications



### Distributed Generation

- Industrial & Commercial
  - On site power
  - High efficiency
  - Reliability
  - Low emissions
- Substation Power
  - Power where its needed without additional transmission lines
  - RPS/REC compliance
- Developing regions
  - Build out power without creating large T&D network



## GE-Fuel Cells | Commercialization plan

**Development & Test** 

**50kW Technology Pilot** 

**Product Demonstration** 

**MW Product Demo** 

**Limited sales** 

**Selective Launch** 

**Targeted Geographies** 

Scale



**Building block pilot: 50kw** 

- Controls development
- Test and evaluation



**Product demo: sub-MW** 

- Operational testing
- Automated controls



#### Selective launch: 1.0MW

- Small number of systems
- Preferred partners





## GE-Fuel Cells | Summary

### **Combined cycle SOFC systems**



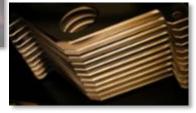
- **Efficient:** 60% system efficiency
- **Modular:** 1-10MW of distributed power
- Clean: Low GHG emissions

### Differentiation: additive manufacturing

Applying GE's thermal spray process ...



... to produce fuel cells ...



... and improve CAPEX & OPEX

- Low cost: Materials & factories
- Durable: Simplified sealing
- Scalable: Larger cell area

### Why is GE-Fuel Cells different?

- Low costs cells & factories: Materials & processes
- Leveraging industry learning: Partnering & purchasing vs. developing
- Access to the GE Store: Technology, operational & commercial support



